

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8 and 9 remain pending in this application. Further reconsideration is requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 7 and 8 now stand rejected as being unpatentable over Naoki et al., Japanese Published Application No. 4-298945, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,274 to Jondrow. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed, and withdrawal is requested.

The fabrication method according to the present invention produces a display panel having display cells formed by recessed portions in a back panel, each of which is coated with fluorescent material emitting red, green or blue light, and discharge electrodes corresponding to the display cells being disposed on a surface of a front panel that is in turn disposed over the back panel to cover the recessed portions.

In such display panel, discharge emissions are caused in the recessed portions so as to emit light corresponding to the fluorescent material colors. A resin lens layer is formed on the front panel with a plurality of color filter lenses, the color of which are determined by and correspond to the respective colors of the fluorescent material coated in the recessed portions. Consequently, light of each specific color emitted by the fluorescent material in the recessed portions further passes through the resin lens color filters to thereby enhance contrast and improve the display characteristics of the display image.

None of the relied-upon prior art references discloses a method of fabrication of a display panel as claimed. Claim 9 includes all of the limitations of claim 7 and is submitted to be allowable for the same reasons as discussed above.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of this application and entry of the proposed amendment, withdrawal of all outstanding grounds of rejection, and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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